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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE MIDDLE EAST -- MESSAGE
FOR KING KHALID

FOR CHARGE FROM THE SECRETARY

1. PLEASE CONVEY FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME TO
PRINCE FAHD FOR KING KHALID.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

AFTER FURTHER INTENSIVE EXCHANGES WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF
EGYPT AND ISRAEL OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS, WE HAVE
DECIDED THAT THERE IS A BASIS FOR MAKING ANOTHER EFFORT TO
CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THEM ON A SECOND INTERIM
AGREEMENT LEADING TOWARD A FINAL PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

THEREFORE, I AM PLANNING TO TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST

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FOR ABOUT TEN DAYS ARRIVING THERE AUGUST 21. I WOULD

VERY MUCH WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AGAIN WITH YOU TO DISCUSS THE STRATEGY FOR MOVING THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS FORWARD AND BILATERAL ISSUES WHICH ARE OF CONCERN TO BOTH OF US.

MY VISIT WOULD FALL IN THE PERIOD AUGUST 23-31 IF THAT WERE CONVENIENT FOR YOUR MAJESTY. I AM ASKING OUR CHARGE TO BE IN TOUCH WHEN MY SCHEDULE IS CLEARER TO DETERMINE WHETHER A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME MIGHT BE ARRANGED IN THAT PERIOD. END TEXT.

3. YOU SHOULD AT SAME TIME MAKE AVAILABLE FOLLOWING TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH WILL BE ISSUED SUNDAY AT NOON BY THE WHITE HOUSE IN COLORADO:

QUOTE SECRETARY KISSINGER WILL TRAVEL TO THE MIDDLE EAST NEXT WEEK, LEAVING WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 20. THE DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE BEEN CONDUCTING WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED LOOKING TOWARD AN INTERIM AGREEMENT HAVE PROGRESSED TO THE POINT WHERE THE PARTIES AND THE PRESIDENT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO TRAVEL TO THE AREA IN AN EFFORT TO BRING THE TALKS TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION. THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST WILL INCLUDE SEVERAL ARAB COUNTRIES AND ISRAEL. UNQUOTE

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR OUR PLANNING TO HAVE YOUR REPORT OF ANY INITIAL REACTION FROM SAUDIS ON WHAT MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT BE CONVENIENT TIMES FOR VISIT.
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